

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Waste Discharge Requirement – Working Group Meeting**

**Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra, CA 91803**

### **Annex Building – Traffic & Lighting TMC Conference Room**

**Thursday, July 20, 2017  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Attended by: see sign-in sheet

Meeting Summary:

#### **1. Introductions**

#### **2. Recap of the WDR Working Group meetings**

- a. Public Works provided a recap of the Working Group's accomplishments over the past year (see below).
  - i. Brought transparency and educated the stakeholders on the maintenance practices
  - ii. Raised the level of understanding of hydraulic models and channel maintenance obligations
  - iii. Implemented the Feasibility Study process and completed the studies for all watersheds except Santa Clara River which is underway
  - iv. Completed Pilot Projects for LAR Reaches 7, 19, 25 and Compton Creek Reach 24
  - v. Identified potential reaches for the Parallel Path Projects
  - vi. Began developing an updated Maintenance Plan to simplify permitting among Regional Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Department of Fish and Wildlife

#### **3. Evaluation of prior Maintenance Methodology Pilot Project (MMPPs)**

- a. Public Works presented the evaluation of MMPPs for Reaches 24, 25, 7, and 19 (see attached presentation).

#### **4. Discuss potential MMPPs for the next maintenance year**

- a. Reaches 29 (Las Virgenes Creek) and 32 (Stokes Canyon Channel) have excess capacity and are being considered for future MMPPs.
- b. Public Works emphasized that there are limited options for future MMPPs since maintenance practices use hand clearing and are already low-impact for most soft-bottom reaches.

- c. There may be potential reaches for future MMPPs in Santa Clara River. Public Works will identify these reaches once the feasibility report is completed.

#### **5. Discuss path forward for renewing the permit**

- a. The Draft Santa Clara River Feasibility Study should be ready by September 2017 – Public Works will schedule a stakeholder meeting to go over the study
- b. By November 2017, a Combined Maintenance Plan will be prepared to reflect the results of the feasibility studies
- c. By Early 2018, Public Works would like an information item to RB with the goal to obtain a 5-year 401 Certification
- d. In June 2018, Working Group Meeting will be scheduled to discuss the new Permit
- e. July 2018, new Permit for soft-bottom channels maintenance

#### **6. Stakeholders open forum**

- a. Heal the Bay reiterated the interest from the group to see progress on the Parallel Path Project – Public Works informed the group that a meeting will soon be scheduled to discuss our options for the Parallel Path Projects.
- b. The group agreed that Parallel Path Projects should stay outside of the WDR process.

#### **7. Action Items:**

- a. Public Works to schedule a conference call to get consensus from the Working Group once future MMPP reaches are identified
- b. Public Works to schedule a meeting with interested stakeholders to discuss the Parallel Path Projects and present results of the analyses

#### **WDR Working Group Website:**

<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/LACFCD/WDR/workgroup.aspx>

**Next Meeting:** September 2017 – exact date and time will be announced later